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SUBJECT: RETINITIS PIGMENTOSA TREATMENT FOR DISTEFANO
CHILDREN, COLETTE BRUNKAN, HUGH BOGGS (CONGRESSMAN
ASPIN AND HARSHA INTEREST)

REF: (A) STATE 179262, (B) STATE 186882, (C) STATE
169884, (D) LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN ASPIN TO LOUIS
SELL OF JUNE 28

1. EMBOFF PHONED MOH JULY 25 TO ENQUIRE STATUS OF
DISTEFANO (REF A) AND BRUNKAN (REF B) APPLICATIONS
FOR TREATMENT AT HELMHOLTZ INSTITUTE, NOTING THAT
WE HAD REQUESTED A REPLY ON MRS. BRUNKAN BEFORE AUGUST
1. (EMBASSY WROTE TO MOH JUNE 30 ASKING THAT MRS.
BRUNKAN BE CONSIDERED FOR SEPTEMBER TREATMENT SINCE
HER PREGNANCY TERMINATED.) MOH OFFICIAL SAID CASES
WERE STILL UNDER REVIEW, BUT THERE WOULD BE AN
ANSWER ON BOTH SOON. EMBASSY WILL NOTIFY DEPARTMENT
WHEN WE HEAR FROM MOH.

2. EMBASSY HAS ALSO BEEN IN TOUCH WITH MAIN HOTEL
ADMINISTRATION CONCERNING BRUNKAN'S DESIRE TO STAY AT
HOTEL URAL (NON-INTOURIST CLASS). EMBASSY WILL
PROVIDE LETTER TO AUTHORITIES ASKING FOR RESERVATIONS
FOR BRUNKANS AT URAL WHEN DATE OF ARRIVAL KNOWN, BUT
IT MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THEM TO SPEND SOME TIME IN
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AN INTOURIST HOTEL SINCE BOOKINGS FOR FOREIGNERS
ARE USUALLY HANDLED BY INTOURIST AT TIME OF VISA
APPLICATION. IN THIS CASE, EMBASSY WILL TRY TO HELP
BRUNKANS TO SWITCH TO HOTEL URAL ONCE THEY ARE IN
MOSCOW. CONGRESSMAN ASPIN SO INFORMED.

3. EMBASSY FORWARDED HUGH R. BOGGS RECORDS AND LETTERS

(REFTEL C) TO MOH AND HAS ALSO REPLIED TO CONGRESSMAN
HARSHA DIRECTLY. TOON

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